



THE INSTITUTE ON LAW, RELIGION, AND ETHICS

This Institute provides students, faculty, and lawyers the opportunity to explore the nexus between law, religion, and ethics. We hope to draw from a broad range of religious and legal voices seeking dialogue and common ground. The Institute serves as an umbrella organization for many law and religion-related activities that have developed at Pepperdine Law School over the years. Current initiatives include a Juris Doctor/Master of Divinity joint degree, which will begin this fall. An innovative curriculum includes courses on religious faith, ethical challenges, and the practice of law. Other endeavors include our Union Rescue Mission legal clinic, serving the legal needs of the homeless of Los Angeles, and international human rights studies and research. This new Institute will also complement the work of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, which has a special emphasis on religion and dispute resolution.

This conference was made possible by a grant from the Pepperdine Voyage, a Lilly Endowment-funded project on the theological exploration of vocation, administered by the Pepperdine University Center for Faith and Learning.

MCLE CREDIT

This conference has been approved by the State Bar of California for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit for 5 credit hours on Friday and 2.5 hours on Saturday, which count toward the ethics requirement. Pepperdine University School of Law certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California. The weather in February is typically sunny and pleasant, in the mid-70s during the day and the 50s at night. The campus is forty-five minutes up the coast from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Hotels in the area range from \$60 to \$220 a night. Limited free student housing is available in private homes. Go to law.pepperdine.edu/ilre for more detailed information.



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February 6-7, 2004
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Surveys of lawyers find that they are generally unhappy people.

Many lawyers at the top of their careers are asking, “*Is this all there is?*”

A very high percentage would choose another profession if they had it to do over.

Can religious faith, particularly the faith of Christians and Jews, provide meaning for the practice of law?

This conference will focus on the religious concept of vocation or calling as a means of understanding the ordinary, day-to-day work of lawyers. For some, religious faith and law practice have nothing to do with one another; these lawyers live a morally schizophrenic life, with one set of values at work, and another set at home and religious congregation. For others, religion and work are completely at odds with one another. As one lawyer said, “My work at church is designed to make up for what I do during the rest of the week.”

Three of the leading thinkers in the country on the relationship between religious faith and secular work will speak. Each has argued that work, even what is normally considered secular work, is an area of life that can and should be redeemed by God. Next will be a discussion of how the theory of vocation or calling might apply to lawyers—to the problems (and opportunities?) created by the adversary system, billing pressures, stress, and lack of collegiality within the profession. Individual panels composed of some of the leading lawyers and law professors in the country will focus on specialty areas—corporate, family, civil litigation, and criminal prosecution and defense—and whether the concepts suggested by the keynote speakers are helpful in their areas of practice.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

THE PRACTICE OF LAW AS A RELIGIOUS CALLING

LEE HARDY ▶ professor of philosophy at Calvin College, and author of “The Fabric of This World: Inquiries Into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work” (Eerdmans, 1990)

JOSEPH G. ALLEGRETTI ▶ author of “The Lawyer’s Calling: Christian Faith and Legal Practice” (Paulist Press, 1996); formerly taught at Creighton University Law School and now teaches at Siena College

ARTHUR GROSS-SCHAEFER ▶ rabbi, and professor of marketing and business law at Loyola University, Los Angeles; speaks often to Jewish lawyers on the relationship between faith and practice.

CORPORATE AND TAX PRACTICE PANEL

TERESA COLLETT ▶ moderator; professor of law, St. Thomas University

JOSEPH A. BEVASH ▶ Latham & Watkins, San Diego, California

MOSHE J. KUSHMAN ▶ Skadden, Arps, Los Angeles, California

CAROL R. MARSHALL ▶ vice-chair, Ethics Resource Center; attorney, and former director of Ethics & Compliance, Lockheed Martin

FAMILY AND PERSONAL LAW PRACTICE PANEL

MARGARET BRINIG ▶ moderator; Edward A. Lowry Professor of Law, University of Iowa

JOHN E. ACUFF ▶ Acuff & Acuff, Cookeville, Tennessee

LARRY D. ROSENSTEIN ▶ Law Offices of Larry D. Rosenstein, Los Angeles, California

BONNIE PASTOR ▶ Law Offices of Bonnie Pastor, Los Angeles, California

CIVIL LITIGATION AND APPELLATE PRACTICE PANEL

MARK W. OSLER ▶ moderator; professor of law, Baylor University

KENNETH W. STARR ▶ Kirkland & Ellis, Washington, D.C.

MARK O. HIEPLER ▶ Hiepler & Hiepler, Camarillo, California

TRACY J. DALTON ▶ Howry, Simon, Los Angeles, California

CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE PANEL

ABRAHAM ABRAMOVSKY ▶ moderator; professor of law, Fordham University

ROBERT J. CONRAD, JR. ▶ United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina

LINNIE L. DARDEN, III ▶ Jones, Osteen & Jones, Hinesville, Georgia

GINA T. SATRIANO ▶ deputy district attorney, Los Angeles County

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN BREAK-OUT GROUPS (Saturday night)

DINNER AND TORAH DISCUSSION: ELLIOT DORFF ▶ rector, and Sol & Anne Dorff Professor of Philosophy, University of Judaism

DINNER AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: GLANDION CARNEY ▶ chaplain, Christian Legal Society

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Conference fee (includes continental breakfasts, snacks, lunches):

\$125 (Special reduced fee for students is \$50) _____

Conference banquet, Friday night at Beau Rivage (Malibu Five-Star Restaurant):
\$65 x _____ (number of persons) _____

Christian Legal Society student dinner, Friday night:
\$10 x _____ (number of persons) _____

Conference dinner, Saturday night: \$25 x _____ (number of persons) _____

I will attend: Torah discussion Christian prayer service

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A Note to Our Jewish Colleagues—In consultation with Pepperdine law professor Rabbi Samuel Levine, we have addressed special concerns of our Jewish colleagues. On Saturday, philosophical/religious discussions that Rabbi Levine believes are appropriate for the Sabbath are scheduled. Pepperdine Law School is located one-and-a-half miles from hotel accommodations that are within a few blocks of Reform and Orthodox worship centers (Malibu Beach Inn and Casa Malibu). The on-campus Pepperdine Conference Center housing is one-quarter mile from a Reconstructionist synagogue. Kosher meals will be available at all conference events. Rabbi Levine can be reached at 310.506.6892 or Samuel.Levine@pepperdine.edu.

For further information and updates visit law.pepperdine.edu/ilre.